

MINUTES City Council Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Subcommittee

Thursday, May 21, 2020 Virtual Meeting/Teleconference 10:30 AM

I. Roll Call:

Present: Councilmember Karina R. Dominguez, Vice Mayor Bob Nuñez, Sharon Goei, Robert Musallam, Adam Marcus, Sara Court

- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Musallam led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **III.** Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda unanimously approved.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes unanimously approved.
- V. Public Forum: None.

VI. Business Item

Staff provided updates on CDBG process and funding program changes to support COVID-19 response, as a result of the pandemic and the federal stimulus measure, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Applicants provided feedback on COVID-19 needs in the community and funding requests for FY 20-21 CDBG funds and CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. The following action items were discussed:

- Staff to outline the flexibility of CDBG funding under the CARES Act, as well as how other cities are distributing their CDBG funds.
- Staff to explore the possibility of working with current applicants and seeking new applicants to utilize CDBG funding to meet the goals outlined by the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee provided feedback on their goals for the use of CDBG funds as it relates to the City's response to COVID-19. The following goals were discussed:

- Housing, which includes rent relief and supporting individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- **Senior services**, which includes access to Wi-Fi, devices, and technical assistance to help counter social isolation
- **Domestic violence**, which includes teaching students healthy relationships, and domestic violence prevention and education.
- Small Businesses, which includes economic development and small business loans.
- VII. Adjournment: To a future meeting.